GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ACTIVITIES OF NWDB
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the activities of the National Wasteland Development Board in the country;

(b) the achievements made by this board during 9th Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the projects sanctioned/likely to be undertaken during the IO* Five Year Plan by this Board, State-wise with special reference to North-Eastern States alongwith the details of utilisation thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (A, NARENDRA)

(a) The National Wasteland Development Board (NWDB) was constituted in 1985 under the Ministry of Environment & Forests with the mandate to identity, classify and develop wastelands in the country. It was transferred to the Ministry of Rural Development wherein the Department of Wasteland Development was separately created in July 1992. The Depaitment was later renamed as Depaitment of Land Resources (DoLR) in 1999. The DoLR is implementing three major Area. Development Programmes namely Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (1WDP) for drought proofing, desert development and wasteland development respectively.

(b) The programme-wise achievements during 9th Plan are as given below :-

Scheme	Achievements Financial (Rs. in crores)	Physical (in lakh ha,)
IWDP	962.27	35.798
DPAP	668.26	44.935
DDP	519.80	24.770
Total	2150.33	105.503

(c) The State-wise and Programme-wise projects sanctioned is given at Annexure I-JH. The programme-wise targets and achievements during 10lh Plan are as given below :-

Scheme	Targets Financial {Rs. in crores)	Achievements (up to 30.11.2004) Financial (Rs. in crores)	Physical {in lakh ha.)
IWDP	1800.00	875.73	21.752
DPAP	1500.00	744.69	37.815
DDP	1100.00	542.35	23,820
Total	4400.00	2162.77	83.387

Up to 30.11.2004, about 50% of the funds earmarked for 10lh Plan have been utilized. Efforts will be made to utilise rest of the amount by the end of the 10th Plan.